



**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No. 09/509,853      Examiner: R. Stormer  
Inventor: DeCagny et al.      Group Art Unit: 3617  
Filing Date: June 8, 2000      Date: June 25, 2001  
Title: Wheel Balancing Device and Wheel Equipped with such a Device

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

~~To highlight the distinctions of the above referenced invention over the prior art as interpreted by the Examiner in the Office Action of March 27, 2001, Paper No. 7, please amend the above-identified application as follows.~~

**In the Specification**

In response to the Examiner's objection, there is enclosed a substitute specification that contains the application as originally filed as well as amendments incorporated therein. It is respectfully requested that the substitute specification be used for examination purposes of the subject application. No new matter is presented as prohibited by 35 U.S.C. §132 and an appropriate Declaration of the undersigned is attached thereto. In accordance with the provisions of MPEP 608.01(q), a copy of the originally filed application illustrating the hand-written amendments incorporated into the substitute specification is enclosed herewith.